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News At A Glance

by Robert N. Taylor

Black coaches delay boycott: The Black Coaches Association this month delayed a threatened boycott of men's college basketball after meeting with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, who agreed to mediate their dispute with the NCAA. The coaches were outraged by the failure of the NCAA to restore to 14, the number of men's basketball scholarships allowed at each college. Black coaches' head Rudy Washington of Drake University argued that the reduction in scholarships amounts to "330 fewer minorities having opportunity to go on to college." The black coaches also assert that higher academic standards adopted in 1985 have resulted in fewer blacks being able to qualify for scholarships. Congressional Black Caucus head Rep. Kweisi Mfume of Maryland said the caucus would "engage the NCAA in active discussion on the number of policy questions which concern" the Black Coaches Association. Meanwhile, Washington strongly suggested that the coaches carry out their threatened boycott if their concerns were not addressed.—WASHINGTON, DC

Gov. Wilder drops from Senate race: Virginia's first black Governor L. Douglas Wilder surprised his state and much of the nation recently when he announced that he was dropping out of the race for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Charles Robb. Wilder and Robb have been bitter foes. But, the 53-year-old Wilder, whose term as governor ended in January, told the Virginia General Assembly, "I feel the need to take another direction and seek challenges in other areas." Wilder was not clear on his future plans, but did not rule out re-entering politics, saying, "I have not retired from seeking answers to the problems that confront us."—RICHMOND, VA

Elders renews her drug legalization call: The nation's first black Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders said recently that after reviewing several studies she "remains convinced" the U.S. should study the legalization of drugs such as marijuana and cocaine. Elders created a firestorm of controversy when she first raised the idea in December, during a Washington, D.C. news conference. Her latest comments came during an interview in New York with editors of *Redbook* magazine. Elders added that the current criminalization of drugs has a racial impact because blacks are 14 times more likely than whites to be jailed for a drug offense.—NEW YORK, NY

NBNS drug legalization survey: National Black News Survey (NBNS) is currently conducting a nationwide survey on the question of drug legalization. The survey question is, "Do you think drugs, such as marijuana and cocaine should be legalized? Why or why not?" To participate, interested persons can write NBNS, 1212 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 522, Washington, D.C. 20005 or call (24 hours), 202-895-5246. Currently poll results show slightly more people opposing drug legalization than favoring it. Final results will be (Continued on page 10)

Aid response & recovery efforts after quake are rapid

NNPA Publishers Among Businesses Impacted Minimally

By Malaka Brown, Los Angeles Sentinel

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was ushered in by a 6.6 magnitude earthquake whose destruction left nearly 50 dead, hundreds injured and thousands without utility services.

The quake that some described as a rocking, rolling motion and others likened to a toaster-popping, hit at about 4:31 a.m. on Monday, January 17, and was felt from San Diego to Santa Barbara and in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Monday's earthquake was centered in the northern San Fernando Valley. It was the strongest shaking

from that area since a 1971 temblor, which registered 6.5 on the Richter scale.

Politicians and community leaders sprang into action following Monday's shaker with pledges of quick recovery for an area already reeling from natural disasters and economic decline.

"I am asking Governor Wilson to expand the current special legislative session to include earthquake relief measures, so that assistance will begin immediately," said Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Jr.

National relief efforts also went into gear as early as Monday afternoon. Oklahoma-based "Feed the Children" issued a statement that

the organization would deliver truckloads of food to the Los Angeles area.

Volunteers from the Red Cross and Salvation Army also mobilized forces to aid displaced families.

The most severe damage occurred in Northridge where a three-story apartment building collapsed, killing 16 people. Northridge Fashion Center was also heavily damaged with the collapse of a Bullock's department store. A medical facility and several smaller structures also collapsed during the quake.

In South Central Los Angeles, which is about 35 miles from the temblor's epicenter, several houses were knocked from their foundations, at least one gas line erupted,

plastic glass windows shattered and water, gas, phone and electrical services were interrupted in hundreds of households and businesses.

The I-10 Santa Monica Freeway, the world's most heavily traveled roadway, buckled and collapsed at three overpasses, between Centinela and La Brea. Caltrans officials said the stretch will likely remain closed for at least six months.

Calls made by the National Newspaper Publishers Association to its member newspapers located near the earthquake's epicenter yielded positive results. Each of the newspapers contacted in Southern California

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ters in the U.S. There are only 1,500 women's shelters (Center for Women's Policy Studies).

The average prison sentence for men who kill their partners is two to six years while women who kill their partners, often in self defense—are on average sentenced to 15 years (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

For every woman accepted into a battered women's shelter, two women and her children are turned away. In some urban areas where African-Americans are over-represented, that number is as high as five to seven women (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

State and local governments, attempting to address the inadequacy of these services, have introduced new legislation to increase police and judicial power in abuse cases, fund shelters, and offer training programs for professionals; specifically police officers who can intervene within the home and remove offenders or offer safer options for the woman. In light

of these efforts to address battering, the initiatives made by and for the health care community seem to be the least developed of all.

Physicians have not been trained to recognize signs of battering and as a result, often fail to record abuse or list it as a diagnosis, particularly in emergency room settings where most African-American women receive care.

However, battering or at-risk sit-

uations can be readily identified by carefully reviewing women's medical histories and noting the frequency and sexual nature of the injuries. Battered women are 13 times more likely than non-battered women to be injured in the breast, chest and abdomen and three times as likely to be injured while pregnant. Self-induced or attempted abortions, miscarriages, heavy use of minor tranquilizers and sleep medication, multiple injuries and persistent visits are other signs of battering. Yet physicians and nurses continue to ignore these very concrete indicators.

Metropolitan hospitals have also closed and made access to health care increasingly difficult for urban dwellers. Thus African-Americans who are disproportionately represented among the estimated 30 million Americans who don't have private insurance or Medicaid, have extreme difficulties obtaining care for their injuries.

African-American women must also deal with the racist assumptions of the larger society, Evan Stark says

"authorities regulate violent behavior among blacks mainly when it overflows into 'public' areas shared by whites, but not in and around the home where most violence occurs. By normalizing the violence between African-Americans," Stark continues, "health and protective service workers accept levels of interpersonal assault that they would not normally accept among other groups. Violence is allowed to escalate before it is deemed appropriate."

Why are African women and men not enraged by this war against womanhood, specifically African-American womanhood? In the African-American community, sexism receives scant attention or is peppered by disdain or even dismissal. Sexism plants the seed for domestic violence.

According to Author Pearl Cleage, "Our history of thinking about struggle is so shaped by our experience with white American racism that when we begin to talk about oppression, we invariably get side-

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Cut the bureaucratic nonsense

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Mayor Fury wants tax lien sales now

In response to questions about the status of the City's Tax Collection operation and about Acting Tax Analyst Brian Payne, Mayor Mark Fury disclosed that the city will be deprived of millions of dollars of revenue by further delay in the tax lien sale process.

"Plainfield is facing a budget shortfall of over \$2 million dollars based on the budget submitted by my predecessor, including the layoffs of Police dispatchers and others. Yet the previous administration could have completely cured the problem without their proposed tax increase simply by performing the tax lien sale as they were required by law."

Fury pointed out that the city is required to have a tax lien sale every year, but Plainfield has not had a sale since 1992, and had only partial sales in 1990 and 1989. Each year's tax sale increases collection rates by 6-8 points, conservatively 2.55 million dollars each year.

Fury's transition Team found that obstacles preventing a tax sale included improper accounting techniques, failure to allow audit and control functions, lack of personnel

training, and confusion over use of the new computer system installed by the former administration. "Because there is a shortage of certified tax collectors, many municipalities share part-time collectors. But Plainfield has such huge problems I chose Brian Payne to go in and address the situation."

"Brian Payne has experience in accounting, personnel training, and computers. I never intended for him to stay in the job permanently, but he was the best person to fix the problems. A one point increase in the collection rate is worth \$426,000 in cash to the city. Plainfield has the lowest collection rate in the County, at 88.9 percent. The County average is 95 percent. If we get half way to the average by way of proposals Mr. Payne has brought forward, we can have our tax bills certified by a part-time certified collector and still save \$2.5 million including \$1.3 million on our collection reserve account."

Mayor Fury noted that over 2,300 properties or nearly 20 percent of the city plots were delinquent in their taxes, totaling nearly 7 million dollars in money due to Plainfield.

Bill aimed at illegal student problem

TRENTON—Legislation enacted on January 10 gives local school boards more power to curb students from illegally crossing school district lines to attend school. Each year, 8,000 to 10,000 such illegal placements occur, costing the state and local school districts millions of dollars in state aid, property taxes and diverted resources.

A New Jersey School Boards Association goal, the legislation (S.1447) requires that parents charged with such illegal placement prove to the state commissioner of education that their children are legally enrolled. Up to now, the burden of proof has been on the schools.

"This is landmark legislation. It gives local school boards a streamlined process to address the financial problems posed by so-called illegal placements," said NSBSA President Carmine S. Smith. "It replaces a cumbersome process that delayed justice in these situations, sometimes for years."

At NSBSA's urging, Governor Florio recommended amendments to

the illegal-student bill following its initial approval by the Legislature. Both the Senate and the Assembly agreed to those changes. The NSBSA-backed amendments:

Give local school boards clear authority to collect tuition from parents of who do not contest the illegibility of their children to attend school in the district.

Protect children's educational interests by allowing the student to stay in the district for 21 days while the parents decide whether or not to contest the board's decision to remove the child.

Continue to classify the illegal sending of students to school across district lines as a misdemeanor with a penalty of six months in jail and/or fines rather than as a class four felony with 18 months in jail plus higher fines.

"This legislation gives local communities a legally sound instrument to address the problem of non-resident students illegally attending school within their school district," said NSBSA's Smith.

Not in our house: the realities of domestic violence

by Tara Roberts

A co-worker noticing the titles of my books and articles as I did research on domestic violence, asked innocently, "isn't that a problem for white folks." I looked at her and thought here's a woman who's been working at an African-American Woman's magazine for a long time—a magazine that has covered this subject numerous times—and she's still under the impression that domestic violence doesn't reach African-American homes. But it does.

According to Evan Stark, Co-Director of the Domestic Violence Training Project in New Haven, CT, African-American women are more likely to be abused by their spouses or boyfriends than white women. The abuse is two to three times as common among African-Americans as it is among whites.

Additionally, approximately 90 percent of all African-American females that have been killed are mur-

dered by acquaintances and family members—a higher rate than for white women and white males.

Believe it or not, battering may be the single most common cause of injury for which women seek medical attention, specifically African-American women, who seek medical help in higher proportions than other women.

It accounts for more injuries than auto accidents, muggings and rapes combined (Family Violence Prevention Fund). Yet, despite the seriousness of these assaults, the health, shelter, justice and police communities often trivialize battering and refuse to offer adequate support services for women. For instance:

Injuries received by battered women are at least as serious as injuries in 90 percent of violent felony crimes, yet under state laws, they are almost always classified as misdemeanors (Center for Women's Policy Studies).

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OPINION EDITORIAL

Everyone should be a role model

Now that we are revisiting black historical role models, maybe we should take time to reflect on what a "role model" is.

In very simple terms a role model is someone who tries to do the right thing. He or she is sensitive to others feelings and treats everyone with dignity and respect. Role models perform their jobs and other obligations effectively and efficiently earning what they are paid. They attempt to contribute to the betterment of society as a whole. Role models can provide others with common sense solutions to everyday problems no matter how complicated. In essence, everyone has the capacity and is a role model for someone else. Just as we have delineated the fundamental characteristics of positive modeling behavior, there are those who believe that poor behavior somehow isn't modeled particularly by our youth.

That is precisely the problem today. Somehow, we have created a group of "role models" who have quote made it. We give them awards and tell our youth "here, here is a role model." Yet all the while, youth look to their family, teachers, adults, friends and peers as references for their behavior.

Just as Charles Barkley is wrong for saying he's no role model, everyone should accept the responsibility for doing right, acting right and promoting right behavior.

As we look at role models in black history, we should be able to understand more clearly that these were not super people. They had no extraordinary talents. They were well-intentioned, ordinary people who wanted to do right and live right.

We all have that capacity to do so and we should practice this ethic every day.

Remembering the past in light of the present

by Samuel K. Atchison

Let the record show that on the day set aside to remember America's troubled past, the nation was beset by the problems of the present. The annual celebration of Martin Luther King Day was tempered by public concern for victims of the Los Angeles earthquake and the nationwide cold snap.

Such is as it should be, for the distresses of the moment necessarily command our attention. The living must be pulled from the earthquake's rubble. Warm shelter and food must be provided for the poor and homeless. The remnants of ruined lives must somehow be put in order. Yet, there is a connection here that should not be missed, a correlation which links Dr. King, the fallen hero of the past, with the unsung heroes of the present. Simply put, honor and prejudice do not mix.

This maxim was reinforced to me a few days ago, when I was rescued by the driver of a tow truck. (The cold weather had rendered my car inoperable, and, like many people, I was thankful for my "Triple-A" card.) As we conversed during the brief ride to my mechanic's shop, the truck driver, a white man in his middle years, made a statement with which I had to agree. The fallacy of racism, he said, is that when a person is in trouble, he doesn't care what color his deliverer is.

As an example, he related to me his recent experience in a hospital emergency room. While waiting several hours for someone to tend to his stricken wife, he took note of the number of people who were likewise seeking medical assistance. No one, it seemed, appeared concerned with the race of the doctor. Just meet my needs, each patient seemed to say, and please do so in a hurry. The driver was right, of course, and though he did not say so, he probably felt the same way.

For that matter, so did I. For though I am a black man in my 30s, and he a white man in his 50s, neither his race nor his age made a difference to me in nearly zero degree weather. What mattered most was that his presence (and that of his tow truck) represented salvation to me and my non-functioning car.

I suspect that those whose lives have been saved in Los Angeles would express similar sentiments. The irony is that this realization would take hold in a city that has, until recently, been torn by racial strife.

Yet, perhaps that is the point. Perhaps it took an earthquake to demonstrate what videotapes and jury trials could not. That human life is intrinsically valuable, regardless of an individual's skin color.

Certainly that is what Martin Luther King believed. He taught that a person's race was inconsequential, and that honor and integrity were all-important. The rescuers, it seems, have gotten the message. Now what about the rest of us?



by Connie Woodruff

The festivities are over. Christine Todd Whitman is New Jersey's first female governor and the state's 50th chief executive officer.

Women who have dreamed of this day for many years are delighted. We can remember how anxious some of us were for the late Ann Klein to announce her candidacy. Then for a while we thought former Commissioner of Commerce Barbara McConnell was toying with the idea and I can remember when some of us even persuaded former Morris County Senator Leanna Brown to throw her chapau into the proverbial ring.

So regardless of partisanship, it's a great day for progressive women to have Governor Whitman as a role model in the political arena.

Fasten your seat belts, folks. It's going to be a bumpy ride as Gov. Whitman attempts to cleanse Trenton of "business as usual." She said so herself in noting change does not come easy.

One veteran legislator has predicted a "shortened honeymoon period" for Gov. Whitman, hastily adding, "Nothing personal," against the governor. "Just politics" and a time-honored N.J. tradition to "kill the messenger what bring the message."

At the moment, despite signs that economic growth and stability is overtaking problems that have haunted the state since the departure of Tom Kean, the combination of social and economic problems is still very serious for most state residents.

Gov. Whitman must pay extra attention to the plight of cities like Camden, Newark, Paterson, Trenton and Jersey City.

If the new Secretary of State Lonna Hooks is successful in the improvement of the business of the business climate throughout the state that will attract firms to relocate to New Jersey, the state must be prepared to offer a labor force to serve investor's needs.

Therefore, the governor and those responsible for producing a labor pool for the high tech jobs of the future must make schools that can turn out productive workers their first order of business.

That will mean stepping over a few sacred cows, ruffling the feathers of a powerful union and taking over a few school systems. It may also mean pinning public and private institutions against each other but if the end result is a student population able to read, write, apply logic and handle the jobs of the future, so be it.

The fact we simply must do something about the spiraling crime statistics speaks for itself. The new



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

As if the record setting, bone chilling, ice cold weather and natural disasters that have occurred since the start of the new year weren't enough to deal with, there are a number of outrageous incidents which should cause us all to sit up and take notice. Whether at the local or national level, the following events deserve special attention:

The deaths of two women who were residents at the Hill Manor apartments in Newark, allegedly due to the inability of paramedics to reach them in time because on non-functioning elevators. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the building that has been a safety hazard for a number of years. I visited a resident at Hill Manor eight years ago; at the time of that visit, every elevator was broken, except for one. This huge 21-story apartment complex houses hundreds of people, when the elevators are out, the stairwells become clogged and unsafe. Just trying to get upstairs to an apartment takes a considerable amount of time.

A fire in an incinerator room at the Hill Manor knocked out the electrical power system that caused the lighting in the building to go out, as well as the halting of elevator services. Unfortunately, residents' pleas for help and assistance were ignored by federal housing officials and owners of the building, until several Newark city council members spoke out and intervened on the tenants behalf, demanding that building management and HUD officials have services immediately restored.

Services were finally restored, but the tragic death of the two women

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administration has to focus on juvenile behavior, absence of proper parenting and the tolerant attitudes of adults toward children from rural Sussex to overcrowded Atlantic City.

Governor Whitman joined hundreds of people all over the state during the week we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. We all talked a great deal about the dreamer and his dream. Many of us also wondered what he would say and do if he had lived to see the homelessness and despair we witnessed in 1994.

New Jersey was one of the first states to recognize Dr. King's birthday as a state holiday; and when he was governor, Tom Kean established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission as a part of state government.

Despite all this, King's dream in New Jersey is a nightmare of low self-esteem among young people, unemployment, homelessness, death and destruction in minority populated communities from one end of the state to the other.

I agree with Gov. Whitman when she says state government needs streamlining. She won't get an argument from me on that score.

A case in point are the layers of bureaucratic agencies dealing with race relations.

New Jersey has a Civil Rights Commission (on the books,) a Commission to Study Sex Discrimination in the States, another to study bias criminal behavior and the Division on Women that deals with gender bias.

All of these study commissions were set up by three different governors but basically intended to target the same groups of people. Each of them have costs for keeping executive directors, offices and staffs in place. The original short terms have been extended way beyond the original expiration date—at a cost to the taxpayers.

In spite of their well meaning intentions we still have racial problems and prejudice against people because they are old, handicapped, minority or the wrong white ethnic group.

At the very least, Governor, don't saddle us with more layers of bureaucratic nonsense. Enough, already.

East Orange councilwoman Beverly K. Williams is very upset with Saidi Nguvu, the former Newark Central Ward Democratic District leader.

Seems that Nguvu's invitation for his fundraiser as a candidate for Central Ward council-

man lists a "Beverly Williams" as his campaign manager. And she is definitely not the East Orange councilwoman.

To further confuse the issue, Beverly K. Williams works as a housing management official in Newark, has little or no contact with Saidi or his committee-to-elect and had to clarify the issue publicly at the last East Orange council meeting.

Christie Whitman is sweeping Democrat untouchables out of office left and right. Slated to be job hunting is Donald Watson, executive director of the Turnpike Authority who came to N.J. after a national search ordered by the Florio administration. Nothing personal, just politics.

The Meadowlands Sports Authority will also be losing some old familiar Democrat biggies: the Short Hills millionaire fund-raiser, Peter Levine (who once headed a Democrats for Kean committee) and Nicholas Venezia, the former Democratic boss of Middlesex county, also former Gov. Brendan Byrne.

State Senator Ray Lesinski (Union County) is stepping down as chairman of the Democratic State Committee. His successor will be named by members of the state committee and front and center in the running is former Consumer Affairs Commissioner Emma Byrnes who once lived in Essex County.

City Clerks, Constance Newton of East Orange and Dwight Mitchell of Orange, are expected to be Somerset County Republican Raymound Bateman. Ironically, Bateman who lost a gubernatorial race to Brendan Byrne in 1977, will replace his old rival on the Meadowlands office.

A new face on the N.J. Sports and Exposition Authority will be Somerset County Republican Raymound Bateman. Ironically, Bateman who lost a gubernatorial race to Brendan Byrne in 1977, will replace his old rival on the Meadowlands office.

According to sources close to Bateman, he's taking this change in his life in stride. Obviously he's the same quiet, patient, determined man I worked with years ago when we were both political ideals.

Congratulations, Ray. I can truly understand how sweet it must be.

The new year ushers in new problems

had already taken place. Newark's mayor and city council members should make sure that their deaths are the last to occur because of the deterioration of this complex. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development should be held accountable for making sure that buildings they are responsible for are properly maintained and operated.

Another outrage was the attack on Nation of Islam's Mosque #7 in Harlem, by the New York City Police Department. Police, responding to what they now acknowledge as a bogus call from an unidentified person, who allegedly stated that a robbery was taking place, stormed into this place of worship with their guns drawn, and attitudes in place. The response by the Fruit of Islam was certainly appropriate, as people defended themselves from this assault on their religious institution by "New York's Finest."

Subsequent actions by newly elected mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner William Bratton have only further angered and inflamed black people in New York City.

Mayor Giuliani's attempts to first ignore, and then dictate to the black people, whose leaders he would meet with to discuss this incident, has all sectors of the community enraged. His invitations to participate in some Martin Luther King Birthday celebrations was revoked by several Harlem ministers. The reception that he received at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, when introduced to the audience during a Martin Luther King Day event was as chilly and cold as the weather outside.

He claimed that we was "deeply hurt" and upset by the mistrust and "fear" that several members of the black community have of him and his

administration. This first few days in office are any indication of what the black community has to look forward to, its going to be a very contentious four year under the Giuliani administration.

The final Iran-contra report was released by special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, that only helped to verify the belief that the real "criminals" in this country never have to serve the time for their crimes. The report stated that both Reagan and Bush knew about the secret Iranian arms for hostage deal, and were co-conspirators in the massive cover-up that went, and still goes on to protect the illegal actions that took place.

Crooks in high places can always

rely on presidential pardons and political cronies to help them make a mockery of the laws and constitution of this nation. Oliver North, one of the main architects of the Iran-Contra deal, is currently running for political office. He is seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat in Virginia, currently held by Democrat Senator Chuck Robb. Wouldn't this be the ultimate outrage to have a former criminal, convicted of falsifying and destroying government documents, as well as aiding and abetting in the obstruction of Congress, being elected to the United States Senate? It's sad to say, but it could possibly happen.

Life's little instructions

Don't take good friends, good health, or a good marriage for granted.



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SOUTH AMBOY—Club Bené Children's Theater presents the showing of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Doors open at 1 p.m., show starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For further information call 908-727-0807.

NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of the Arts, 72-78 Spring St., will give a Beginner's workshop between the hours of 12 to 3 p.m. Material fee \$1. The workshop will be held for two days. For information call 212-941-9198.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum, "Black History Month Family Theatre" 2 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Museum, 472 Jersey Ave., will host a winter course "Cultural Coverings," that will allow children ages 4 and up to express ideas about their heritage by drawing pictures on a paper vest 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$4.

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NEWARK—At the Newark Museum, "Black History Month Program" at 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

PLAINFIELD—The New Jersey Youth Symphony presents its winter concert featuring orchestra and choral works, at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church, 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. For ticket information call 908-771-5544.

Kaleidoscope Kids offers programs for early teens

TRENTON—This winter, the Kaleidoscope Kids Program at the New Jersey State Museum will open its doors to early teens. Two new projects, the Teen Writers Project and the Young Astronauts Program will offer in-depth learning opportunities in language arts and space science.

Youngsters will become reporters, editors and even cartoonists during the Kaleidoscope Kids Teen Writers, 11-week, After-School Project from February 7 through April 27. Participants will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Teens in grades seven through nine will write about exhibitions, collections, Museum events and programs for a newsletter published by the participants.

They will develop writing and problem solving skills, independence and creativity. Participants will also visit the *Times of Trenton* to see newspaper production from beginning to

end. *The Times* is cooperating with the Museum on the publication and has agreed to print selected articles. The project will be led by retired vice-principal/writing teacher Tom Humphrey. Fifteen candidates will be selected for admission to this free program, based on the strength of each young person's demonstrated ability and interest in learning. For more information and a registration form, please call 609-292-7660, weekdays.

Young astronauts program

The Kaleidoscope Kids program and the Planetarium have founded a Young Astronauts chapter at the State Museum. Young people in grades seven through nine will build a life-

size model of an Apollo spacecraft and attend four Saturday morning hands-on classes in space science. Two field trips include visits to a local aerospace plant to see spacecraft being built and to the Franklin Institute's Omnimax Theatre and a Planetarium show about UFOs. They will receive a Young Astronauts T-shirt, participate in a special Space Day project and volunteer for six hours in the Planetarium or with Kaleidoscope Kids. Tuition for the winter/spring semester is \$70 per student. Classes begin February 19 from 10 to 12 noon. Enrollment will be limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call 609-292-7660, weekdays.

Hot safety tips for winter fun

TRENTON—When the snow falls, school's out, and work closes, excitement electrifies the air. When you pick up that sled or those ice skates, don't forget to ensure your fun by considering your safety as well.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there were roughly 33,560 cases of sledding-related injuries and approximately 29,050 instances of skating mishaps in 1992. Individuals engaging in winter sports are cautioned to be very careful. Check your surface before venturing out.

Kenneth Kakol of the Independent Insurance Agents of Union County suggests that if you're planning to spend some time on the ice, be absolutely sure it's frozen solid enough to support everyone. If you can see water, moving or air bubbles beneath the surface keep off, the ice is too thin. Testing the edge's firmness is another

way to tell. You don't want to hear or see any cracks when you do this.

Remember that the danger of falling through the ice is increased by freezing temperatures that can cause hypothermia—a potentially life-threatening condition. Finally, never ever skate alone. If you do have an accident, it is crucial that someone is there to go help.

Similar rules apply when sledding. Check for debris hidden under snow that might cause a high speed wipeout. Also be sure there is snow coverage of at least three inches and that there are no bare spots, icy patches, or unavoidable obstacles like trees or walls.

You should also check to see that the run ends on a fairly level plane away from highways, embankments, walls and trees. Kakol adds "Enjoy yourself, but remember safety."

JCSC offers review courses for SAT and GRE

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer review courses for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE), through its Saturday Semester Program this spring. Both courses will meet on the JCSC campus at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City.

The SAT Review will meet 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, February 5 through March 12. Designed to assist students who are preparing for the SAT examination, the six-week course will provide a review

of the specific material covered on the test. The course will be particularly helpful to students who plan to take the examination on March 19.

The GRE Review will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, January 29 through March 5. The course will provide a review of questions typically covered on the GRE and will be helpful to those who plan to take the examination on April 9. To register or for further information call the JCSC Saturday Semester Office at 201-200-3089.

RVCC alumni assoc. offers scholarship to high school graduates

NORTH BRANCH—Applications are now being accepted for the new Raritan Valley Community College Alumni Association scholarship (RVCCAA). The \$500 scholarship, open to high school graduates from Hunterdon and Somerset counties who are planning to attend Raritan Valley Community College or students who are currently enrolled at Raritan Valley Community College, will be awarded in May, 1994.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of three criteria: an essay, past grades, and financial need or

unusual circumstances which would prevent them from attending college.

Candidates must be sponsored by an active RVCCAA member. Those who do not know an Alumni Association member can contact one through the Alumni Office.

Applications are available at the counseling offices of all Hunterdon and Somerset County high schools or through the College. Interested students should contact the RVCC Alumni Association office at 908-218-8869 for further information.

Holy Family School holds open house

PLAINFIELD—Holy Family School located at 365 Emerson Avenue, will be holding their annual Open House on Sunday, January 30th from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome to come and meet the teachers, tour the school and visit the Science Fair.

EOUC sponsors development workshop

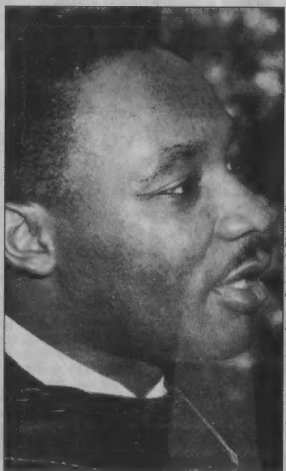
EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Unified Council of PTAs and PTOs will sponsor a Leadership Development Workshop on Saturday, January 29.

Guest speaker will be motivational speaker and management training expert, Charlie Moore. The event will take place at East Orange High School Cafeteria.

The workshop is geared toward members of the East Orange PTAs/PTOs executive committees and students in grades seven through 12, who hold an office in an organization at school, church or community related group. Students and PTA/PTO members can register by phone by calling 672-4075 in the evenings.

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Notable guest speakers will provide a backdrop for understanding the dynamic relationship between the church, theology, the laity and the struggle for racial justice and the emergence of African people.

The series is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Ramapo College.

The lecture series is part of a larger program of cultural and historical events at Ramapo College.

The series is open to all and free of charge.

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Celebrating black history month

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
ROBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson County presents The Black Maria Film & Video Festival. (Featuring an eclectic assortment of short independently produced films from all over the country.) For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Museum of Art will present "The Music of Chance," as part of its 9th Annual American Independent Filmmakers Series. For more info call 201-746-5555 ext. 17.

JANUARY 28 THROUGH FEB 27
NEW YORK—National Black Theater presents two stories about life and death in the big city. *Love Don't Love Nobody*, and *The Firefighter*. Tickets are \$15. National Black Theater is located at 2035 Fifth Ave 2nd Fl. For further information call 212-722-3800.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
NEW BRUNSWICK—At the George Street Playhouse an "Audio Described Performance" for patrons with visual impairments. For more info, call 908-846-2895.

TEANECK—The second one-act play series to be presented by the Westside Repertory Theater, 255 W. 81st St., will honor three Black Classical Playwrights and their work: "The Great Lover" by Alexander Dumas, parent; "Mozart and Salieri" by Alexander Pushkin; and "The Brown Overcoat" by Victor Segal. At 7:30 p.m. The series will run for three days. Tickets for each play are \$8. For more info call 212-874-7290.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
WAYNE—WPC's Music Festival returns for the spring in the Shea Center. Concert starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 201-985-2966.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
NEWARK—At Arts High School at 7:30 p.m. a concert: *The Count Basie Orchestra*. For more info, call (201) 733-0622.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
NEWARK—The Newark Public Library presents the Newark Boys Chorus in concert. 7 p.m. in the Centennial Ballroom. For more info call 201-733-7793.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
BRANCHBURG—The tenth annual Foundation black tie dinner-dance will be held from 6:30 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College. On stage: "Axi X." For more info, call 908-528-1200.

Books

The frank impressions of an American educator about her visit to South Africa are featured in the new book, *Life Notes*, a collection of writings from the journals, diaries and personal notebooks of contemporary black women.

Dr. Eleanor Smith, vice president for academic affairs and provost of William Paterson College, explains in her journal entry, *Beautiful Ugly*, that her trip convinced her that South Africa "is one of the most beautiful countries I have ever seen. Yet it is the ugliest."

"The lines are so clearly drawn between the quality of life for the different races that visually I can tell who lives where," she states in her impressions written in Cape Town on October 10, 1989. "I have seen no areas that could be called the slums for whites. There are areas which one could designate as middle class or less affluent but the 'white' area is decent and quality living is apparent. The white minority has the best of everything and the majority has the worst."

Smith, who has published numerous articles on the African-American experience, particularly about African-American women, states in the introduction to her article that 14 years of journal writing have added a dimension to her life that she had not anticipated. "I am able to look back over my experiences and realize how I have changed and grown and to see the things that have remained so much a part of my life."

Published by W.W. Norton and Co., the book includes entries by writers such as Alice Walker, Audre Lorde, Jamaica Kincaid, Barbara Smith and Bell Hooks.

The following books are published by Thunder's Mouth Press and are suggested as the embodiment of the African-American experience. *Black Lights: The African American Hero*, text by Paul Carter

Exhibitions

NEWARK—This year's African-American History Month celebration at The Newark Public Library features the contributions of Loftin Mitchell and Robert Blackburn, two septuagenarians who have dedicated their lives to the enrichment of African-American culture.

From now through March 12, their achievements will highlight the events at the Main Library that honor the traditions and history of African-Americans. The programs include an exhibition of works by artists from The Printmaking Workshop, theater performances, lectures, a concert—and especially for children—songs, stories, and musical puppetry.

Loftin Mitchell, playwright, theater historian, and novelist, has projected real-life images of the people who lived in his beloved Harlem and harnessed their history as the principal vehicle of his artistic campaign. Among his best-known works are *A Land Beyond the River*, *Let Pharaoh*, and *Bubbling Brown Sugar*.

Widely recognized as an artist and teacher, Robert Blackburn is acclaimed for his generous spirit of expanding access to the arts and printmaking through the founding of The Printmaking Workshop in 1948.

January
27th—Roads to the Mountaintop, a play reading performed by The Ensemble Theatre Company Fourth Floor Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

February
2nd—A seminar, entitled *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—Evolving Legacy*, 1964-68 by Marvin Jefferson, of The Ensemble Theatre Company Centennial Hall 2-4 p.m.

February
2nd—P.W. Harper Literary Society presents a lecture by Dr. John Henrik Clark, entitled *African People in World History* Centennial Hall 6:30 p.m.

3rd—The Friends of The Newark Public Library present a concert by the Newark Boys Chorus School Centennial Hall 7 p.m.

5th—A workshop and discussion featuring Robert Blackburn, The Printmaking Workshop Centennial Hall 2 to 4 p.m.

10th—A play reading, *Star of the Morning*, by Loftin Mitchell, the East Lynne Company Fourth Floor Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

17th—A theatrical symposium with Loftin Mitchell, James V. Hatch, and others, East Lynne Company Centennial Hall 6:30 p.m.

19th—Hoorsay for Children Program presents African-American Musical Puppetry by Jeffery Nelson, New York Children's Theatre Centennial Hall 2 p.m.

24th—A play reading, *Sojourn to the South of the Wall*, by Loftin Mitchell, East Lynne Company Fourth Floor Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

26th—Phillis Wheatley Literary Club book presentation to the Library James Brown African-American Room 2:30 p.m.

JERSEY CITY

There are similar truths to be learned from images as disparate as those of buffaloes falling off a cliff and 1,000 arranged bars of Ivory soap in an exhibition on view December 8,

1993 through February 19, 1994, at the Jersey City Museum.

Entitled *States of Loss: Migration, Displacement, Colonialism, and Power*, the exhibition explores from a variety of viewpoints how it feels to live (literally and figuratively) in a colonized state—in which a conquering people exploits, and those subjected experience deprivation: loss of country, sense of the past, space, and personal identity.

Featured are paintings, sculptures, videos, photographs, mixed media and installations by 10 ethnically varied artists. They examine the past and present life experiences of Native Americans, African-Americans, and Latin Americans.

A panel discussion on the exhibition will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 15. Museum hours are 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and closed Sunday, Monday and legal holidays.

NEW YORK
The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture will launch its 1994 Black History Month Celebration with the opening of an extraordinary exhibition entitled *African Zion: The Sacred Art of Ethiopia*. Though art dating from the 4th-18th centuries A.D., the exhibition explores the history of the oldest sect of Christianity on the African continent. The exhibition will be on view at the Schomburg Center, 315 Malcolm X Boulevard (at 135th Street) in New York, from February 2 to March 29, 1994.

African Zion, the first exhibition to tour the United States which fully investigates the Christian art of Ethiopia, includes more than 100 works.

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Simple Justice
The American Experience, presents a rebroadcast of *Simple Justice*, the award-winning drama chronicling the tireless, two-decade legal effort by the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and his colleagues to end racial segregation in public schools. The program airs Wednesday, February 2, at 8:30 p.m. ET, see local listings.

SummIt '94
In honor of National Black History Month, TBS Superstation is presenting its annual Black History Month special Saturday, February 26, at 9:50 to 10:50 p.m. (ET). The program *Summit '94*, will be hosted by Tony Brown and Susan L. Taylor. The topic of this year's roundtable discussion will be violence in America, with a focus on the rise of violent acts by and against young people.

Harrison introduction and commentary by Danny Glover, created and with a preface by Bill Duke (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$14.95 paperback, \$24.95 cloth) is a celebration of the true black heroes, individuals who have illuminated the African-American experience through their selfless commitment to overcoming social oppression. Maya Angelou, Arsenio Hall, Langston Hughes, Malcolm X, Sidney Poitier, Arthur Ashe, Colin Powell, Magic Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr., Alice Walker, Muhammad Ali, and Oprah Winfrey are among the notable figures profiled in this inspiring photo-essay.

Spanning over forty years of Chester Himes' writing career, *The Collected stories of Chester Himes* (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$12.95 paperback) uncovers the internal struggles of black individuals caught between rage and resignation in American society. Himes stays deep within the minds of his characters, gracefully revealing their struggles against invisibility and powerlessness.

The Third Generation (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$11.95 paperback) is Chester Himes' great novel of a young man driven by both bitter love and passionate hate to his own heritage.

Amiri Baraka—dramatist, poet, essayist, orator, and fiction writer—is perhaps the preeminent African-American literary figure of our time. Yet, until now, it has been impossible to find the full range of his work represented in one volume. *The LeKoi Jones/Amiri Baraka Reader*, edited by William J. Harris, (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$14.95 paperback) provides the most comprehensive selection

of Baraka's work to date, spanning more than thirty years of a brilliant, prolific, and controversial career.

Masterfully weaving an intricate web of racial, class, and political issues with the intimate battles of one man's heart, *City of Light* (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$22.95 cloth, \$12.95 paperback), Cyrus Collier's latest work, is an important and unforgettable novel which shines a powerful light on the hypocrisies of prejudice.

Tony Turner was the road manager for the three former lead singers of The Temptations—David Ruffin, Eddie Kendricks, and Dennis Edwards—and worked with their illustrious legends through thick and thin. *Deliver Us From Temptation: The Tragic and Shocking Story of The Temptations and Motown*, by Tony Turner (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$22.95 cloth) tells the inside story of The Temptations' amazing climb to world fame and fortune and of their personal descent into the world of drugs, destructive ego, and overindulgence.

Since his first chart-topper in 1956, James Brown has outlived, outlasted, outperformed all rivals. He is the funk-and-soul innovator and rap's driving spirit. Now James Brown tells his own story, just as he plays his music: loud, proud, and soulful. *James Brown: The Godfather of Soul*, an autobiography by James Brown, with Bruce Tucker (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$13.95 paperback) takes a unique look behind the closed doors of poverty, segregation, politics, and the music industry.

In the 1960s, when many black performers were gently trying to open the color barrier, comedian Richard Pryor was slamming into it with a vengeance. Employing the language and attitude of the black ghetto, he assaulted racism in comic routines that were both outrageous and screamingly funny. *If I Stay I'll Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor*, by John A. Williams and Dennis A. Williams (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$13.95 paperback) is an incisive examination of the comedian's life and humor. Other books written by John A. Williams: *The Man Who Cried* (Am \$11.95 paperback), *Captain Blackman* (\$10.95 paperback), *Click Song* (\$10.95 paperback), and *Sisite* (\$12.95 paperback).

The Judo Factor: The Plot to Kill Malcolm X, by Karl Evansz (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$13.95 paperback) reveals, for the first time, the motives, the conspiracy, and the truth about the assassination of Malcolm X. This book will educate and shock, enlighten and startle anyone interested in the shaping of politics, the fate of the civil rights movement, and the shroud of mystery that still towers over the death of one of the most influential and powerful leaders of the twentieth century.

Murder in Memphis: The FBI and the Assassination of Martin Luther King, by Mark Lane and Dick Gregory (Thunder's Mouth Press: \$13.95 paperback) provides explosive information about the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., contending that convicted assassin James Earl Ray was an unwitting pawn in a far-reaching conspiracy. From an extraordinary assemblage of

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Michael Jackson presents Best Choreographer award to Debbie Allen at the NAACP Image Awards.

Sinbad kicks off Super Bowl weekend at the Grand



ATLANTIC CITY—Comedian, Sinbad, best known for his role in the *Cosby Show*, *A Different World*, and his current FOX-TV hit *Sinbad*, will bring his hysterical stand-up routine to the stage of the Opera House Theater at the Grand on Saturday, January 29.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BRIDGEWATER—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce presents its first networking social of the year, "Business Card Exchange," from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the atrium of the Marlboro Bldg. For further information call 908-725-1522.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Hyacinth AIDS Foundation and the NJSBF presents a free legal information workshop, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the New Jersey Law Center. For further information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

PENNSAUKEN—Burlington County Black Business and Professional Assoc., Inc. presents "Black Business Expo," at the South Jersey Expo Center from 11:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. For further information call 609-427-5673.

FEBRUARY 8 THRU MARCH 22

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey State Bar Foundation presents a free public seminar on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For further information call 908-249-5000, ext. 7518.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEW BRUNSWICK—NJSBF presents a free seminar for the public on State and federal income tax, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For further information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

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Urban America: a crisis for everyone

by Senator Bill Bradley

The crisis facing American cities is a crisis for all Americans. In New Jersey and the nation, cities are poorer, sicker, less educated and more violent than at any time in my life. The physical problems of old housing, deteriorated schools and aging infrastructure are compounded by the social and economic problems of joblessness, violence and family disintegration. American central cities are also more isolated than ever before. Once the hub of their regions and the center of commerce, jobs and culture, many inner-city residents now find themselves cut off from much of the rest of the country.

Over the last few decades, economic reasons for living in cities have dwindled. Suburbia with its malls, corporate parks and modern communities enable us to do business without

ever going downtown. In many tragic cases, critical industries and people have all but abandoned the city.

Between 1970 and 1990, 4 million white Americans moved out of our biggest cities. Yet during the last decade it has been the middle class of all races that has been fleeing, leaving behind an urban America more intractable poor and violent than ever before. Those outside the city now look in, through movies like "Boyz in the Hood," at a world with its own values and rules. Yet those living in the suburbs are in no way untouched by the crisis occurring in urban America. The future of the entire nation hinges on our ability to break down the economic and cultural walls that surround our cities and move forward as one nation.

If you have any doubts, consider that by the year 2000, only 57 percent of the people entering the workforce will be native-born whites. That means that the economic future of the children

of white Americans will increasingly depend on the talents of non-white Americans. We can't allow our cities—or those who live in them—to fail because of our penny-pinching and timidity.

We must also tackle our urban crisis for the sake of world leadership. To the rest of the world, America is the great melting pot—a nation built on the principles of equality and pluralism. How can we continue to set an example for others with events such as the Los Angeles riots peeping across television screens from Tokyo to Moscow? Being a world leader means being candid about the human tragedy building in our cities and acting to change it now.

Fortunately, urban America has more going for it than the media or politicians will admit. Community leaders—churches, mosques, and community development corporations—in cities in New Jersey and other states have

begun reworking government programs and developing their own community-based solutions that meet their real needs. Government can learn from their ingenuity. The days of making a pot of money available to those outside the community who think they know what's best over, by listening to the voices of people living here, lives in the midst of all the turmoil and empowering them with the resources to continue, government can assist in creating cost-effective answers to many urban ills.

In March, I proposed eight programs to help bring to cities what people in the suburbs take for granted every day, like a safe place for children to go after school hours, a financial institution other than the check-cashing cubicle, basic police protection, and a chance to save money for the future. This year's budget including funding for most of the programs, which means New Jersey cities could get a

chance to try out ideas that have worked in other troubled urban areas. Some day, we hope to make tools available to every community with the will and imagination to make them work.

The fate of our nation at home and in the eyes of the world depends on improving life in our cities. But there, perhaps, an even more basic reason for trying to help. If each of us stops to think about the horrible reality of the state of our cities, we should feel compelled to act out of morality. I believe each of us has an obligation to help another human being, simply because that person is a human being. For me, this is reason alone to address the crisis in our cities. If you would like to discuss this or other issues with Senator Bradley, tune in to his live call-in TV show, "Straight Talk," airs the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. on CTN. Call 1-800-736-8255 during the show and share your concerns.

Important facts about life insurance

by Charles J. Givens

If you have family responsibilities and little personal wealth, life insurance is a must. Before you buy, look at what is available. There are three basic types of life insurance.

Term life insurance is pure insurance protection, no fancy packaging or investments to buy. If the insured dies, the company pays the agreed upon sum of money to his or her beneficiary.

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Universal life insurance is a term insurance policy coupled with an investment plan. The investment plan is designed to make the insurance company money, not the policyholder.

The investment can pay a fixed interest rate or be self directed into mutual funds. The cost of insurance, fees and commissions are deducted from the premium, leaving only the balance to go into the investment.

Whole life insurance coupled with a savings plan that claims to build tax-deferred cash value through regular yearly premium payments. The problem is that the beneficiary receives only the face value of the policy or the cash value, whichever is greater, but not both.

In limited payment whole life the premiums are payable over a shorter period, such as 20 years. Once the premiums are paid, the insurance is for the rest of the policyholder's life.

Strip away the sales gimmicks and there are only two basic types of life insurance: insurance with a savings plan, or insurance with no savings plan. Never use insurance as an investment. You can find investments that pay better so you leave more for your family, not an insurance company. To receive more information, please call 407-423-8301 or write Money Strategies, 345-9 Delaney Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.

The art of achieving

by Robert N. Taylor

Goal + Method + Motivation = Achievement

Success and superior achievement in life are the results of three primary factors or attributes: Intelligently figuring out "what" to do; rationally determining "how" best to do it; and emotionally charging yourself with the "motivation" to do it.

Of the three above-mentioned essential attributes, generally the most difficult to sustain for extended periods, is high levels of motivation. One technique we recommend to our success-oriented clients for maintaining motivation is to simply keep in your possession a list of four or five motivational statements.

These statements are to be read once at night just before going to bed, once in the morning just before starting your day and periodically during the day whenever you need a boost. You must select your own personal motivational statements. But here are

a few we recommend for inclusion:

1. A person gets the most out of life by endeavoring to get the most of each day. Thus, if it can be done today, I will do it today, not tomorrow!

2. A mind is like a garden. It can be allowed to run wild, producing useless weeds or it can be intelligently cultivated producing the fruits and flowers which make life fruitful and beautiful. I choose to cultivate. I will study and learn.

3. Excellence and strength can only be developed by effort and practice. Thus, I will be a person of effort and action because they are the only things which will make my dreams real.

4. Self-knowledge is the beginning of self-improvement. Thus, I will know my primary strength as well as my major weakness. I will cultivate the strength and attack the weakness.

5. The shortest path to greatest is along with those. Thus, I will be a motivator and a leader who constantly endeavors to get the best from others because that benefits me.

6. What is merely the ability to see is not apparent. But vision is superior. It is the ability to "see" things before they are apparent. Thus, I will cultivate both close observation and a deep understanding of life.

7. Achievement in life is a product of our habits. Thus, the most important thing I can do in life is to form good, constructive habits. For my habits—the things I do most frequently—from both my character and my life, I will form good habits.

Whatever motivational statements you employ to keep yourself driven and action-oriented, you should employ them in self-hypnotizing way. Whenever possible, retire to a place where you can be alone and just "talk" to yourself. Your aim is to empower your personal life-force, that which propels you through hard times and tribulations.

But above all, motivate, motivate, motivate. Emotion is the life force. It propels action. Cultivate your life force in a constructive and positive direction.

Women learn to succeed as entrepreneurs

MONTECLAIR—New and potential women business owners can get expert guidance on how to start a business at a dinner forum on Thursday, February 3 at the YWCA of Montclair - North Essex. The 2nd Annual How To Start Your Own Business forum will be presented at 6 p.m. Speakers will be small business experts and women business owners who will offer practical suggestions on how to launch a business.

Speakers include area women entrepreneurs Dina Israel, Essex Fine

Arts Gallery and President, NJ Association of Women Business Owners, Essex Chapter, Marion Lake, Dem Two Hands; Deborah Lerner, Lerner Duane Communications; and JoAnn Mitchell, JoGraphics, Inc. Small business expert Brenda Hopper, Director, NJ Small Business Development Center, Rutgers and Grant Gille of the Montclair Small Business Loan Fund and of the Community Foundation will also be panelists.

Advance registration is required. Admission, including dinner, is \$35

by registration prior to January 28. After January 28, admission is \$40. For further information call the YWCA 201-746-5400.

Registrants will receive bonus free admission to a follow-up workshop Are You an Entrepreneur? to be presented on February 8, at the YWCA by the NJ Assn. of Women Business Owners. The association will also present Start Right, a five week course on the basics of developing a business, starting on February 15. Call 746-5400 for additional information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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SUSPENSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic announces that applications will not be accepted for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program effective February 15, 1994, at 4:30 PM for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program until further notice. The decision to suspend taking applications was based on the length of the present waiting list which exceeds 4,000 applicants. The Housing Authority will publish a notice in this newspaper before it resumes taking applications for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program in the future.

Eric Kolbe, Executive Director

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Confederate flag scheduled to hang from Georgia Dome during Super Bowl

by Mark Proleau

A state official sees little hope in a U.S. Justice Department offer to make a protest by civil rights activists who don't want the Georgia flag flying outside the Georgia Dome during the Super Bowl this Sunday.

Georgia adopted the Confederate battle flag as part of its state symbol in the 1950s. Those asking to have it removed contend the flag was changed by legislators as a protest against federally ordered school desegregation.

"My job will be to get them to find some middle ground so they would

not need to protest or want to protest," said Ozell Sutton, regional director of the Justice Department's Community Relations Service.

"The flag is a big issue nationally and, of course, the national media won't miss it. There is a lot of middle ground here." "I'd be happy to talk with them, but I don't see where we are in a position to mediate," said Dan Graveline, executive director of the Georgia World Congress Center, which oversees the dome. "We don't have any choice. It's state policy to fly the United States and the state flag. It's up to the Legislature to change it.

Despite a strong and politically

damaging push by Governor Zell Miller last year, the Legislature refused to do so.

State Senator Ralph David Abernathy III, an Atlanta democrat and leader of a group planning to picket the dome on Super Sunday, said he would be willing to sit down with state officials, but said the real negotiations need to occur between civil rights leaders and the NFL.

In December, civil rights leaders wrote to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, asking the league to ask that the state flag not be flown during the Super Bowl. The NFL said the issue was a local one and it would not get involved.

Aid for earthquake victims

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via, including the Bakersfield Observer, Compton Bulletin, California Advocate, Herald Dispatch, Los Angeles Sentinel, Metropolitan and Pasadena Gazette, San Bernardino American, and Precinct Reporter, reported very little, if any, damage to their business structures, and no injuries to staff. Most of the newspapers were closed on Monday to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Spokespersons at newspapers open the day of the quake said electrical power was lost for a varying number of hours, causing in some instances, loss of computer data, the

shut-down of printing presses and other equipment, among the inconveniences. Overall, the publisher or staffperson spoke to said they considered themselves to be extremely fortunate, given there was no serious structural damage or injuries, and everyone said they expected to publish on schedule.

A few reporters expressed concerns about circulation, with major thoroughfares now cut-off. Some said they have already mapped out alternate routes to deliver their newspapers in areas normally accessed by the freeways rendered unusable due to heavy damage.

In Los Angeles, the King Day parade was postponed due to the

massive tremor until late April. And, damage forced a number of small businesses to close in the Crenshaw District, along with Crenshaw Plaza, in the Baldwin Hills area.

Officials at Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center, which remained fully operational after the earthquake hit, said they had treated a number of patients for injuries.

And, even while emergency officials assessed the damage the day after, the ground continued to shake. At around 7:23 a.m., an after-shock measured in at 4.7, followed by several smaller jolts. A Caltech spokesperson said that since the King Day 6.6 tremor, at least 200 smaller after-shocks occurred.

Image Awards

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ton treated the audience with an impromptu acappella version of Yes, Jesus Loves Me, and dedicated an award to both of her parents.

The highlight of the evening was the arrival of surprise presenter Michael Jackson, who made his first official appearance since canceling his Dangerous tour. Jackson, who was honored last year with the Entertainer of the Year Award, was greeted with a five-minute standing ovation and cheers of "Michael! Michael!" as he appeared on stage to present the Outstanding Choreography Award to winner Debbie Allen (*The 65th Annual Academy Awards*).

- (CBS)
- Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie or Mini-Series **Danny Glover**, *Alex Haley's Queen* (CBS)
- Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie or Mini-Series **Halle Berry**, *Alex Haley's Queen* (CBS)
- Outstanding Daytime Drama Series **The Young and the Restless** (CBS)
- Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series **Kristoff Johnson**, *The Young and the Restless* (CBS)
- Outstanding Actress in a Daytime Drama Series **Victoria Powell**, *The Young and the Restless* (CBS)
- Outstanding Variety Special **Sinbad Live From New York: Afro and Belittlement** (HBO)
- Outstanding Performance in a Variety Series **Pat LaBelle**, *The 1993 Essence Awards* (CBS)
- Outstanding News Talk or Information Series **Special: The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Syndicated)
- Outstanding Youth or Children's Series **Special: Teen Summit: Teens and AIDS** (BET)
- Outstanding Performance in a Youth or Children's Series **Pat LaBelle**, *Reading Rainbow* (PBS)
- Outstanding Television Movie or Mini-Series **Alex Haley's Queen**

A Records)

- Outstanding Male Artist **Luther Vandross**, *Never Let Me Go* (Epic Records)
- Outstanding Female Artist **Whitney Houston**, *The Bodyguard Soundtrack* (Arista Records)
- Outstanding Duo or Group **En Vogue**, *Runaway Love* (EastWest Records America)
- Outstanding Gospel Artist **The Winans**, *All Our Quest* (New West Bros. Records)
- Outstanding Jazz Artist, **Kenny G**, *Breathless* (Arista Records)
- Outstanding Rap Artist **Jay-Z** and **The Black Album**, *Black Album* (Roc-A-Fella Records)
- Outstanding Soundtrack Album (Film or Television) **The Bodyguard**, Various Artists featuring Whitney Houston (Arista Records)
- Outstanding Video *I'm Every Woman*, **Whitney Houston** (Arista Records)
- Outstanding Choreography in Film or Television **Debbie Allen**, *The 65th Annual Academy Awards* (ABC)
- Outstanding Literary Work, *Fiction Your Blues Ain't Like Mine* by **Bebe Moore Campbell** (One World Ballantine)
- Outstanding Literary Work, Non-fiction *By Any Means Necessary: The Trials and Tribulations of The Making of Malcolm X* by **Spik Lee** will **Ralph Wiley** (Hyperion)
- Outstanding Literary Work, Children's *Soujourner Truth: Ain't I A Woman?* by **Patricia C. McKissack** and **Frederick McKissack** (Scholastic, Inc.)

Celebrating African history

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Drawn primarily from the collections of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, its masterpieces—icons, illuminated manuscripts, and metalwork in gold and silver—explore the religious history of the African Orthodox Church of Ethiopia, which traces its roots back to the descendants of Menelik I, son of the biblical King Solomon and Makeda, Queen of Sheba.

Among the highlights of the exhibition are: Early 4th-6th centuries A.D. Axumite gold and silver coins, stamped with the portraits of the Emperors Ezana and Kalab, Liturgical texts and prayers from the early Solomonic period (1270-1527), and Objects of devotion from the veneration of Mary dating to the Gondarine period (1636-1769).

African Zion will be on view in the Schomburg Center's Exhibition Hall and its Latimer/Edison Gallery, with the Education Gallery Component located in the Center's American Negro Theater.

Exhibition hours are Mon., Tues. and Wed. 12 Noon to 8 p.m., Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group tours are available by appointment. For group tours call 212-491-2265.

MORRISTOWN

Art in The Atrium, Inc. presents an exhibition entitled *Heritage...The Dream Continues*. This celebration of African-American heritage is on exhibition for three months: January 23 through April 23, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The exhibit will be shown in the Atrium Gallery, Morris County administration and records building, *Heritage...The Dream Continues* explores a range of topics which include African-American history and heritage, the effects of social and political justice and injustice, racial consciousness and pride, music and religion featuring more than 170 pieces. For further information call 201-386-9825.

Lectures

NEWARK—New Community Corporation and the New Jersey Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will present a series of informal lectures focusing on the teachings and beliefs of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The series "Countdown to Eternity: The Legacy of Time" is being presented to complement a photographic exhibition by Ben Fernandez that highlights the life of Dr. King. The lectures and the exhibition provide a rare and intimate view of the slain civil rights leader.

"Countdown to Eternity: The Legacy of Time" lecture dates.

January 24
"Dr. King's Message to Our Youth Today." Speaker: Reverend Buster Soaries, Pastor First Baptist Church, Somerset.

January 31
"The African-American Churches and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Speaker: Reverend Dr. William D. Watley, Pastor, St. James AME Church, Newark.

February 7
"Where We Need to Go From Here." Speakers: Reverend Mgr. William J. Linder, founder of New Community Corporation and Congressman Donald Payne.

February 14
"The Family Today." Speaker: The Honorable Aletta Wright, Freeholder, Camden County. The lectures will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Joseph Plaza. For more information call 201-623-6330.

Books

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evidence, Mark Lane and Dick Gregory move inexorably towards a singular and grim conclusion about one of the most shocking events in modern American history.

Getting It Right With God
Lucas Martin know what he should be doing what his life—study hard, going to school every day, being nice to his stepmother—and not hangin' with his whacked-out, dope-dealing best friend, Roar. Instead of doing the right thing, Lucas starts playing with the devil, and god isn't pleased at all.

Written with a fresh, irreverent style, *Getting It Right With God* captures all the ambiguities of sex, love, religion, and the puzzle of coming of age.

Lucas Martin is tired of focusing on real life, he'd much rather hang out with his friends, drink, or wall on his saxophone. But as fate has it, Lucas is surrounded by do-gooders trying to keep him on the right track: his father, a recovering alcoholic who has suddenly decided to be a real dad; his stepmother, trying to do the maternal thing; his girlfriend Deana, who has ambitions for Lucas way beyond anything he ever imagined; and God, who appears in various forms to guide Lucas to Heaven—or hell—whichever path he takes.

According to author Lionel Newton, "Getting It Right With God" offers a fairly simple bridge between mortality and immortality because (a) Lucas is a kid, and (b) I wasn't capable of doing anything more, but more important I think the story formalizes our relationship with the supernatural. Neither fear nor a great deal of reverence should attend any artistic attempts to deal with the Spiritual. Ritual and ceremony only cloud an already confusing subject. That is why Lucas projects his own confusion about drugs and sexuality onto his image of God in a desperate effort to make God someone he could relate to.

Videos

As the nation celebrates and recognizes African-Americans' contribution to our history and culture throughout Black History Month, in February, Wood Knapp and Co. Inc. presents two videos that feature a wonderful blend of multicultural stories for and about African-American children.

The two award-winning titles from Children's Circle collection, *The Ezra Jack Keats Library and Stories From the Black Tradition*, will be available Jan 26, for a sale. In his collection of animated and iconographic stories, Keats' own childhood is reflected in his work—the joys and pangs of growing. Keats' early love of color is reflected in the stories. Many of his stories feature the beloved character Peter, a young African-American boy who encounters many valuable experiences growing up in the city.

News at a Glance

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talled in a few weeks.—WASHINGTON, DC

Blair Underwood to marry: Actor, Blair Underwood L.A. Law, recently became engaged to marry Desiree De-Costa. She is a production coordinator. Both are 29. The engagement was announced while the two were on vacation in Paris.—PARIS, FRANCE

So called "Black-acting" white girls return to school: The 11 white girls who were driven from a rural Indiana high school for "acting and dressing black" were returned to school. The returns took place without incident. In late November, the girls left the North Newton Junior-Senior High School in Morocco, Indiana after saying they were verbally and physically attacked for dressing in the hip-hop style and wearing their hair in braids. One of the only two black students at the school also charged harassment and has returned.—MOROCCO, IN

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